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: Committee on Science and Astronautics of the House of Representatives

- Appresentatives has requested that the National Science Foundation prepare a "comprehensive report covering (A) the status of the scientific and technical manpower register and the scientific manpower studies, and (B) the projected plans for the future, short-range and long-range, in these areas." This Agency has been requested by both the House Committee and the MSF to participate in the preparation of this report. OSI was designated by the BCI to provide representation on the Committee aiding MSF in preparing this report, and a representative of this Office has had several disquestions with the MSF individual in charge, Mr. Thomas J. Mills, Program Director for Scientific Manpower.
- 2. REF requested, by letter of 5 Cetober, a formal statement providing an Agency enswer on an unclassified basis to a series of four questions, which are given in the attached. This Office presented a preliminary reply on 30 October on an informal basis, but BEF has now requested an official reply for inclusion in the Appendix of the final report. Our proposed reply is attached.
- 3. Unless objections are received prior to 28 December 1959, we will seeme that the addressess have no objection to the publication of the proposed reply in the Appendix of the NSF report to the House Committee.

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Attachment: Letter to Dr. Waterson